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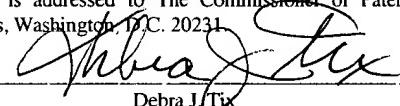
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "**ADJUSTABLE TRANSVERSE CONNECTOR WITH CAM ACTIVATED ENGAGERS**" --
Robert J. Jones, et al.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a one-page abstract; a title page; and a 38 page specification that includes 34 pages of claims (Claims 1-282). In addition, we have also included 26 drawings on 12 sheets and a Preliminary Amendment. The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of Robert J. Jones, G. Grady McBride and Scott D. Koysh for the above-entitled invention.

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